

# SCORE PERISH AS TERRIFIC STORM HITS TWO STATES

Austin, Tex., April 23.—Floods swept down water and shoal creeks here last night; took a toll of 15 or 20 lives according to estimates today. Houses were jammed against bridges and the high water flooded many business houses. Heroic work was done by citizen rescue parties and by the fire and police departments. Of eight persons in one house which was swept down Waller Creek, all but one are believed to have perished.

Dallas, Tex., April 23.—At least eight persons dead, a heavy property damage, telegraph and telephone communication interrupted, and railroad schedules interrupted by washouts, soft track and threatened bridges was the known result of a rain electrical and wind storm general over nearly all Texas and the eastern portion of night which continued early today in some localities.

The known dead are:  
Christoval, Texas, H. C. Goldwire, killed by lightning; Ramsdell, Tex., W. L. Boynton, killed in train wreck caused by soft track; Austin, Tex., Six negroes drowned in Waller Creek. The storm was especially severe at Austin and that city was in darkness last night. It was said about twenty houses had floated to and were packed against a bridge, threatening the structure. Rescue squads were busy all night taking endangered persons to higher ground while the rain continued to fall in torrents.

In the Thrall oil field near Taylor, Tex., tanks containing 150,000 barrels of oil were set on fire by lightning. The loss, it is said, would be \$75,000. Lightning started a fire in an oil warehouse in Dallas, causing a loss of \$120,000.

In Oklahoma, the Canadian river at Chickasaw has created a new channel two miles from its old bed and ten passenger trains were marooned there. A thousand feet of track were wrecked at Purcell and bridges were rendered useless at many places.

Bursting of a gas main at Alford, Tex., caused by water undermining the line, has left Dallas and Fort Worth without natural gas. It was not known today when the break could be repaired.

## WOMEN SCRIBES DRINK TEA WITH CHINESE HOSTESS

Lady Sen Mei Entertains Newspaper Women and Tells About Herself.

One of the most unique little tea parties which has been held in this city in many a day took place yesterday afternoon back of the stage of Fox's big theatre. The hostess, who was quite as petite and dainty a person as could have been imagined, was Lady Sen Mei, a native of China, who is doing an exclusively singing act at the vaudeville house this week. The little lady wore her handsome native costume. The six guests, feminine representatives of local newspapers, wondered as they sipped their tea at the exquisite table set up at the vaudeville house this week. The little lady wore her handsome native costume. The six guests, feminine representatives of local newspapers, wondered as they sipped their tea at the exquisite table set up at the vaudeville house this week. The little lady wore her handsome native costume. The six guests, feminine representatives of local newspapers, wondered as they sipped their tea at the exquisite table set up at the vaudeville house this week.

The amusing part of it was that everyone was just a little shy about asking her questions concerning herself as she was so reserved and well-bred that it seemed rather a breach of etiquette to pry the clever little hostess with the usual interrogations. One of our number, more brave than the rest, finally broke the ice and much to our surprise, we found the small lady quite expecting them and very willing to answer whatever we asked as in China it is considered an honor to have someone ask you how old you are, whether or not you are married and such questions of a like personal nature, as it shows that the person is taking a great interest in you.

Lady Sen Mei, we ascertained, has been in this country 10 years during which time she obtained her education through private tutors and at Columbia. It might be added that there is many an American girl college graduate who does not use her own language as beautifully nor show so much general refinement as does this little daughter of the Orient.

Her really remarkable voice was trained under Mrs. Von Klenner of New York, who is an instructor in the Conservatory of Vienna. She began her work as a church singer in a Methodist church in New Jersey and later took up society entertaining in which she was very successful. But, with charming frankness, she remarked when one went into a thing for the commercial side one might as well realize as much from it as possible and this was her idea in entering vaudeville which she liked very much indeed. She is perhaps the only Chinese woman in vaudeville doing a single act.

As for religion, her people were members of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church in New York but she herself liked the Methodist service better than any other because the people seemed much warmer in this denomination than in the others. However, she doesn't believe that the people of this country should try to convert those of China because their religion is something distinctly one's own in which no one has a right to interfere. "How would you like it if the people of China were to send missionaries over here to try to convert you to Buddhism?" she asked.

The tea party progressed chattily with the orchestra outside playing various selections and the sound of the matinee audience's applause often coming to our ears. There was no doubt that it had the atmosphere of a real tea party for the bright young press agent and the good natured head basher kept hovering about the entrance like two small boys at their mother's party and we were still wondering whether it was the gathering itself or the cake that was the more attractive to them.

A little later on Manager Saunders also came to peek in and see how things were going. We suspected him too, of liking cake when he so readily accepted Lady Sen Mei's invitation to join us.

At the conclusion of the party everyone remarked that it was one of the most attractive which had been held here in some time and thanked their hostess for the enjoyable hour.

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## EPISCOPALIANS TO CONTRIBUTE SUNDAY TO MISSION FUND

Campaign Is One To Raise \$400,000 For Home And Foreign Work

The Episcopal Church, through its board of missions, has launched a campaign to raise \$400,000 extra for home and foreign missions before June 1. The Church is calling on all of its members to give, in addition to their usual gifts for missions, the equivalent of one day's income or wage. The plan is being pushed in all parts of the country and already more than \$75,000 in gifts and pledges has been received, ranging, in amounts, from two cents to \$5,000.

Through this committee the board of missions is calling all Episcopalians to prayer and is asking that each one give at least one day's income, or some equivalent self-denial offering. The response has been enthusiastic and widespread. Provinces, dioceses, parishes, vestries, women's auxiliaries, men's clubs, guilds, Bible classes and Sunday schools are working to reach every church member and to bring the campaign to a successful issue.

In many instances statewide campaigns have been inaugurated. Connecticut, under the leadership of Bishop C. B. Brewster and the diocesan missionary committee will do its part in meeting the emergency. Extensive plans have been laid throughout the state, preliminary meetings have been held and much literature distributed. Next Sunday is the day designated by Bishop Brewster for taking up this special offering. There will be a general exchange by the Episcopal ministers on that day, and their sermons will be on missions.

The need for this fund arises partly from the unsettled times brought on by the European war, but mainly by the success of the church's missionary series in distant lands such as Japan and China. The mission workers have, in many cases, found great opportunities awaiting them; in others, they have created the opportunities and then taken advantage of them; and the missionary societies have been called on from year to year to increase its appropriations for the work.

Consequently, during the last seven years, the board has accumulated a deficit of \$25,000. The remaining \$150,000 is the amount needed to close the current year without a further deficit.

One of the surprises of today is the way in which the world has given to the missionary cause since the outbreak of the European war. The Church of England has contributed more than ever before, and five of the missionary societies of Germany have increased their gifts over last year. They feel that the war constitutes a call for the churches to advance, and the Episcopal church, believing that its members are realizing the blessings of peace, is asking them not to fall behind European Christianity in the forward move. The responses are rallying loyally to the standard.

ST. LOUIS BROWNS ARE JUST THIRTEEN YEARS OLD TODAY

This is the thirteenth birthday of the St. Louis Browns, as the Mound City club pulled off its first pastime in the American league on April 23, 1902. And if you are eager to know why the St. Louis Browns have so often been the jokes of the league, here's the why: The Browns were the thirteen club to be admitted to Byron Bancroft Johnson's little old circuit.

This is torn aside the shroud of mystery which has heretofore surrounded Bob Hedges' Browns.

The American league Browns are the successors in name, if not in ability to Ben Chapman of the old St. Louis Browns, which flourished in the old American Association days, Charley Comiskey, now owner of the Chicago White Sox, was the first baseman of the old Browns. Later he became manager of the Cincinnati Reds. The Old Roman helped Ben Johnson to launch the Western league, which grew into the American league.

St. Louis has had a long and varied experience in major league baseball. The Missouri metropolis was a charter member of the National league when it was launched in 1876, but dropped out after a couple of years. The old American association, a major league, flourished from 1882 to 1901, claiming

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## THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE

Last Sunday would be a day of sad and bitter memories for the people of San Francisco, except for the fact that they are too busy entertaining the visitors to "the greatest world's fair in history," to bother about what now seems to them to be ancient history. It was nine years ago, on April 18, 1906, that the city by the Golden Gate was shaken by the convulsion of the earth and afterward scourged by flames which wiped out a large part of the city. In those nine years which have elapsed since San Francisco's day of trial the citizens have succeeded in wiping out nearly all the scars of the disaster and in rebuilding not only a new and bigger city, but also

## GERMAN CHARITY BAZAAR.

One of the largest throngs that ever filled the State street Casino, attended the German church bazaar last evening and it was the verdict of all attending that it was one of the most enjoyable and interesting evenings ever held at that resort. This evening the musical program will be unusually large and surprises are in store for those attending. Some of the features are well known. The full choir of the German St. Joseph R. C. church consisting of 55 members, under the able directorship of Mr. Karl Delhi and the well known Mozart Quartet, consisting of Mrs. J. Huber, soprano; Mrs. C. Kaufman, alto; Mr. Frank Fetsch, tenor, and

## Y. M. C. A. BOYS WILL HAVE CAKE SALE.

On Saturday morning, April 24th, in connection with the Y. M. C. A. boys' division there is to be a cake sale. The boys are going to raise \$50, which they have promised as their contribution as a class toward the building of a new locker room in the division.

## Parents and friends of the boys of the Y. M. C. A. filled Warner hall last evening when "1915," a travesty on the San Francisco Exposition, was presented by members of the Boys' Division of the Y. M. C. A.

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